

2010 FALL WILD TURKEY HUNTING INFORMATION AND ON-LINE/TOLL FREE TELEPHONE CHECK-IN SYSTEM

Your Fall Wild Turkey Hunting Permit entitles you to participate in the privilege of wild turkey hunting. Please review this information to assure that you comply with all of the wild turkey hunting regulations. While hunting, please respect the rules of good sportsmanship and the property of others. Have a safe and successful hunt. And remember – **Safe Hunting is No Accident.**



ATTENTION HUNTERS: HARVEST REPORTING

ON-LINE AT www.dnr.state.il.us/vcheck, or CALL TOLL-FREE 1-866-IL CHECK

Successful hunters must report their harvest by 10:00 p.m. on the day of harvest on-line at www.dnr.state.il.us/vcheck, or by telephone (toll-free) at **1-866-452-4325 (1-866-IL-CHECK)**. The telephone system is fully automated, and no longer uses live operators. We hope you are pleased with the ease and convenience of the system.

Attention Cell Phone Users: The most common reason hunters are unable to complete their harvest reporting is because of a poor cell phone connection. Once you have properly tagged your turkey, you have until 10 p.m. on the day of harvest to report. Wait until you are out of the woods and receive a clear, strong cell phone connection before placing your call.

Please have a pen/pencil on hand (an extra-fine tipped permanent marker works best) - you will be given a 10-character confirmation number which you must write on the leg tag (this serves as proof you have checked in your harvest). When reporting harvest, hunters will be asked to provide a variety of information to assist biologists in managing Illinois' turkey population. Please look over the questions listed below prior to reporting your harvest.

TAGGING INSTRUCTIONS Immediately upon kill and before the turkey is moved, transported or field dressed you must detach the leg tag from the permit to invalidate it or cut out the designated notch on the adhesive type leg tag to invalidate it, and attach the tag to the leg using your own fastener through the holes provided (Figure 1) or use the adhesive leg tag (Figure 1a).

The tag must remain attached to the leg of the turkey until it is at the legal residence of the person who legally took or possessed the turkey and it has been reported via internet or telephone.

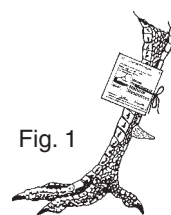


Fig. 1

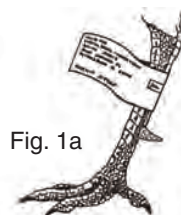


Fig. 1a

INSTRUCTIONS FOR CHECKING YOUR TURKEY

You will be asked a series of questions when you call, including the county or special hunt area of harvest. You will also be asked the questions below. It will be helpful if you fill in the answers on this sheet before making the call. Use the ruler (below) to make any necessary measurements.

- What is your permit number?
- How many days did you hunt using this permit?
- Look at the outermost two flight feathers on the wing (Figure 2) - are the tips of the feathers sharply pointed with no white markings on the last two inches? If like Figure 3a, answer "yes". If like Figure 3b, answer "no".
- What is the sex of the turkey? (male or female)
- Do any of the breast feathers on your turkey have black tips (Y or N) (Figure 4).

Note: brown-tipped feathers may have a black band, but not at the very tip of the feather. If all of the breast feathers appear to have light brown tips, brush the feathers forward using your hand and look for new feathers coming in under the outer feathers. Check these as well.

- To the nearest millimeter, what is the length of the turkey's spur? (Figure 5). Measure from the base of the spur to the tip. If no spur, answer "Zero."
- To the nearest millimeter, what is the length of the turkey's beard? (Figure 6). Measure from the breast to the tip of the beard. If no beard, answer "Zero."

Fig. 2

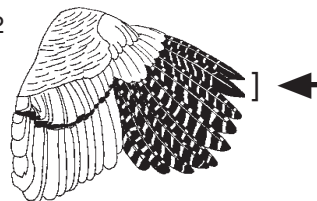


Fig. 3a



Fig. 3b



BLACK

OR

LIGHT BROWN

Fig. 4

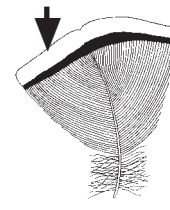
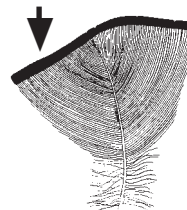
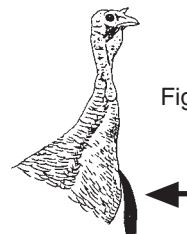


Fig. 5



About 45 mm
above the
rear toe

Fig. 6



2010 FALL TURKEY HUNTING REGULATIONS

Before hunting, you must sign your permit.

You must carry the completed permit, along with your Illinois Hunting or Sportsmen's license and Habitat Stamp (unless exempt), while hunting wild turkey.

Permission to hunt on private property must be obtained from the property owner or tenant. Your permit does not authorize trespassing!

Property only hunting permit holders are permitted to hunt on their owned, leased or rented property ONLY in the counties (or parts of) open for turkey hunting. A hunting rights lease, or other non-agricultural lease is not valid for a property only hunting permit.

Permits are not transferable and no refunds will be made.

Bag Limit: One wild turkey of either sex per permit. Once you have your limit, you may not further participate with a weapon in any turkey hunting party, except that a person without a weapon may accompany a turkey hunter as a caller or observer.

Baiting: Use of live or electronic decoys, recorded calls, dogs or bait is illegal. An area is considered as baited during the presence of and for 10 consecutive days following the removal of bait.

It is illegal:

- to possess while in the field, during turkey season, any turkey permit issued to another person.
- for any person to hunt wild turkeys without having a signed Wild Turkey Hunting Permit in possession, except that a person without a weapon may accompany a turkey hunter as a caller or observer.
- to purchase or obtain more than two fall turkey archery permits.
- to apply for or receive more than two fall turkey shotgun permits.

LICENSE – In addition to your turkey permit, you must have a valid Illinois Hunting, Sportsman's or Apprentice License unless you are:

- A person who is disabled and able to show proof of disability in the form of one of the following:
 - a) A State disabled person I.D. card (available from the Secretary of State through the drivers license examining station) showing a P2, P2A, H2 or H2A disability.
 - b) Veterans disability card (at least 10% service related); available from local Illinois Department of Veterans' Affairs offices.
- An Illinois resident on active duty and on leave from the U.S. Armed Forces.
- A landowner or tenant residing on farm lands, or the children, parents, brothers and sisters permanently residing on such lands, and hunting only the lands resided on.

In order to be issued a license, hunters born on or after January 1, 1980 must show proof that they have successfully completed the Hunter Safety Training Course (except for Apprentice) provided by the Department or their resident state or must show a previous year's hunting license. To obtain information about classes scheduled in your area, call the Safety Education Unit 1-800-832-2599.

HABITAT STAMP – Before any person 16 years of age or older takes, attempts to take, or pursues any species of wildlife protected by the Wildlife Code, except migratory waterfowl, coots, and hand-reared birds on licensed game breeding and hunting preserve areas and state controlled pheasant hunting areas, he or she shall first obtain a State Habitat Stamp. Disabled veterans and former prisoners of war shall not be required to obtain State Habitat Stamps. Any person who obtained a Lifetime License before January 1, 1993, shall not be required to obtain a State Habitat Stamp.

Licenses/stamps are available at DNR Direct Automated License System agents, by phone at 1-888-6Permit or www.dnr.state.il.us.

This is only a guide to the highlights of the rules and regulations governing turkey hunting. More complete information is available from the Department of Natural Resources Regional Offices, Wildlife Resources, Law Enforcement Office or the Permit Office.

SHOTGUN REGULATIONS

SEASON DATES: Oct. 23 - 31, 2010

Hunting Area: Only the county or counties (or parts of) designated on your permit.

- Gallatin/Hardin hunting area is: south of Rt. 13 only.

Hunting Hours: One-half hour before sunrise until sunset. It is illegal for any person to shoot a wild turkey while it is in a tree before 7:00 a.m.

Firearm: Shotgun (20 gauge to 10 gauge only, no 410 or 28 gauge allowed); overall minimum length is 26 inches. Minimum barrel length is 18 inches; #4 shot is the largest, and #7 1/2 is the smallest size that may be used.

Clothing: No special clothing is required.

FIREARM OWNERS' I.D. CARD (Issued by Illinois State Police)
Regardless of who owns the gun, anyone who has a firearm or firearm ammunition in their possession must have in their possession a valid Firearm Owners' I.D. (F.O.I.D.) Card unless he or she is:

- a. A licensed out-of-state sportsman hunting in Illinois, or
- b. Under the age of 21 and under the immediate control of a parent, guardian, or responsible adult who has in their possession a valid F.O.I.D. Card.

FOID Card information 217 782-7980

ARCHERY REGULATIONS

SEASON DATES

October 1 through January 16, except closed during firearm deer hunting seasons: November 19, 20 & 21 (first season); December 2, 3, 4 & 5 (second season). Archery turkey hunting WILL NOT be closed during the youth firearm deer season (Oct. 9 & 10), muzzleloader-only deer season (December 10, 11 & 12) and the late-winter & CWD deer seasons (Dec. 30 - Jan. 2 & Jan. 14-16, 2011).

Hunting Area: All counties are open except Cook, Douglas, DuPage, Ford, Kane and Lake.

Hunting Hours: One-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset.

Hunting Devices: The only legal hunting devices to take or attempt to take turkey are: a long, recurved or compound bow with a minimum pull of 40 pounds at some point within a 28 inch draw; minimum arrow length is 20 inches, and broadheads must be used. Broadheads may have fixed or expandable cutting surfaces, but they must have a minimum 7/8 inch diameter when fully opened. Broadheads with fixed cutting surfaces must be metal or flint-, chert-, or obsidian-knapped; broadheads with expandable cutting surfaces must be metal. A crossbow device is illegal except for: a) Permanently disabled persons, as defined by law (520 ILCS 5/2.33), may apply to the IDNR's Office of Law Enforcement (217 782-6431) for an exemption to allow the use of a crossbow (a physician's certification is required); or b) Persons age 62 and older may hunt with use of a crossbow without first obtaining a crossbow permit. A valid photo i.d. with proof of age must be carried by persons age 62 and older.

Crossbows used in hunting shall:

- a) have a minimum peak draw weight of 125 pounds and a maximum peak draw weight of 200 pounds.
- b) have a minimum limb width of 24 inches and a minimum overall length (from butt of stock to front of limbs) of 24 inches.
- c) have a working safety.
- d) be used with bolts or arrows of not less than 14 inches in length (not including point)
- e) use broadheads as defined above.

All other bows and arrows, including electronic arrow tracking systems, are illegal. Any mechanical device capable of maintaining a drawn or partially drawn position on a bow is illegal, except for those hunters using a crossbow.

Clothing: No special clothing required, except during the muzzleloader-only deer season (December 10, 11 & 12) and the Youth Firearm Season (Oct. 9 & 10) and the late-winter & CWD deer seasons (Dec. 30 - Jan. 2 & Jan. 14-16, 2011). and on those DNR sites that allow archery turkey hunting during the firearm seasons: November 19, 20 & 21 (first season); December 2, 3, 4 & 5 (second season). Under the above circumstances any person attempting to take or taking turkey by use of a bow and arrow shall wear, when in the field, a cap and upper outer garment of solid blaze orange color displaying a minimum of 400 square inches of blaze orange material.